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TIMBER INDUSTRY OF HOOD RIVER

The lumber industry in Hood River has hardly made a beginning. It is truly in its infancy. Ask any one what is the leading industry of the valley, and few people would hesitate to say it is fruit growing. Well and good, for more people are directly concerned with fruit growing than anything else, yet with a quarter million dollars coming into the valley each year from the sale of strawberries, cherries and apples, this sum within a year or two won't represent one-half or even one-quarter of the income derived from the lumber sales. Fruit growing, rapid as will be the increase in carload shipments of strawberries and apples, within the next five years, and large as will be the money returns, will then have to be classed as an industry second in importance, and that for years to come.

This may seem surprising without an explanation. But if the big sawmill of the Mount Hood Lumber company, over near the boat landing, should be kept running night and day and Sundays, with a capacity to turn out 300,000 feet of lumber every 24 hours, or a total of 109,500,000 feet in 365 days, the present managers of the company would have given way to others long before the last stick of timber north of Mount Hood could be sawed into lumber. The supply of saw-timber tributary to Hood River is by no means inexhaustible, but the possibilities haven't been calculated to a nicety yet, and suffice to say that the lumber industry is soon to add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the aggregated bank accounts of the people of Hood River.

The glacier editor knew there was a large body of timber on the headwaters of Hood river, but he never fully realized what an enormous amount there is of it, nor what vast sums of money it represents, until last Saturday, when in company with Charles T. Early, superintendent of the Mount Hood Lumber company, he was driven to the logging camps above Winans, and there saw for himself what is being done, and learned in conversation with Mr. Early something of the lumbering possibilities of Hood River valley. This was the first time he saw logging operations on an extensive scale, and he knows more than

he did before this trip. Early in the present year, the Mount Hood Lumber company, with a paid up capital stock of \$400,000, purchased the saw mill interests of the Lost Lake Lumber company. The statement was then made to the glacier that the new company intended to run the mill. To make this assertion good, the company appropriated \$15,000 for improvements in the stream of Hood river, which would make log driving possible, and insure a constant supply of logs to keep the saws of the big mill busy. That was six months ago. Since then hundreds of big boulders have been blasted from the river, and at points along the stream where the water had a tendency to seek two or three channels, "cribs" have been built, forcing the water into one channel and preventing the logs from piling high and dry upon the bank. These cribs, put in for an experiment, have proven a great success, and more are to be made next year. There were many doubts as to the practicability of floating saw logs down Hood river, but all these have been dispelled, and the big boom in the Columbia river has been collecting logs every day since the freshest early in November.

The logging activities of the mill company are confined just now to a bunch of red fir timber between the East and West forks of Hood river, about 15 miles southwest of town. Splash dams have been built, one in each fork of the river at this point. These dams are opened once a day and start a flood sufficient to carry what logs that have been placed in either stream down to the main river, where there is force enough to take the logs on down to the mouth of the river. Both horses and donkey engines are employed in hauling the logs to the edge of the bluff, where they are rolled into a chute and started on a lightning trip to the water. On the East fork there is a chute 1,500 feet in length, the lower half being almost level, and logs weighing half a ton slide down this dry flume in less than five seconds. Wouldn't you care to ride astride one, would you?

Skid roads are made wherever it is handy to use horses in dragging out the logs from the timber, but these are not necessary when the 20-horse power donkey engines are employed. These engines are capable of pulling with half a mile of cable. By means of relays, it is thus possible to get logs to the river from timber several miles distant. A foot or so of snow make this kind of work easier. When saw-timbers are

snaked off by horses, the bark is removed from one side of the log. No matter how perfectly round and smooth a tree may appear, one side is always heavier than the other. It is the heavier side of course that is peeled. The inexperienced hand would have considerable trouble in determining this, but a trained logger will rarely miss it once in a hundred times.

A slight well worth the day's trip was a log jam in the narrows above the falls of the West fork. When the heavy rains came the fore part of last month, more logs had been turned into river than a sudden rise could take care of, and a jam was the result. Mr. Early said that the first day after the jam formed there were 3,000,000 feet of logs in the gorge. Logs 40 feet in length were standing upright. It was a solid mass of logs for a quarter of a mile, and was a wonderful sight. But to Mr. Early it would have been a more welcome scene had the logs been collected in the boom at the mouth of the river.

The logging camps are in charge of two very competent foremen, Charley Smith and W. C. Sloat.

UNION SERVICES THANKSGIVING DAY. (Continued from Page 4.)

peace and domestic prosperity. True, we lack in coast defenses, and our readiness for war is inferior to that of any other first-class power, yet we cannot, by reason of our peculiar geographical position, be easily surprised into combat with foreign powers. Our "good land" is situated in the temperate zone, a belt of the earth's surface which embraces most of the energy and enterprise of the human race. We are not far from the frozen regions of the North; we are a good ways from the burning suns of the South. We are too far south to be bound in by the perpetual chains of frost of the North; too far north for our social character to sink beneath the enervating influences of a tropical sun. Yet in our beloved land may be found the climate of all the zones, of the torrid, the temperate and the polar regions, and here may be found the products of all climates and of all countries. Our good land is on that side of the equator destined by Providence to be the great dwelling place of humanity. We are in the latitude and longitude where the great nations of the earth dwell in prosperity and power. A richer and more magnificent inheritance was never portioned out to any people, Palestine to the Jews not excepted.

3. Not only is ours a good land in its geographical position, but it is such in the progress of its civilization. What discoveries have we made? What inventions have been patented? The farmer used to separate the wheat from the chaff by holding up a sheaf and allowing it to drop off slowly, thus permitting the wind to blow the chaff away. Our good land is a storehouse of inventions. We have a method of separating the wheat from the chaff by holding up a sheaf and allowing it to drop off slowly, thus permitting the wind to blow the chaff away. Our good land is a storehouse of inventions. We have a method of separating the wheat from the chaff by holding up a sheaf and allowing it to drop off slowly, thus permitting the wind to blow the chaff away.

4. Again, observe that we have a "good land" with respect to educational facilities. Our "good land" has the best common school system in the world. Our schools and colleges are prosperous. Our people are growing rapidly in the desire for higher education. Illiteracy is decreasing. Our facilities for obtaining a higher education are growing better. Of making many good books there is literally no end. Magazines richly illustrated and ably edited—newspapers, filled with intelligence from all over the world, by the million a day from lightning speed presses. And now the grange and farmers' institutes, as well as teachers and unprejudiced educators of our institutions of learning, have taken up the matter of our public schools and are insisting that the science of agriculture and horticulture shall be taught in our common schools. America is the only country in the world which spends more money for education than for war or preparation for war. Great Britain does not spend one-third as much money for public education as she spends on her army. France not one-ninth as much. Russia not one-twentieth as much. Our institutions of learning are being largely endowed with money, thus insuring their stability and perpetuity. Ours is the only land where a rail splitter and boatman can rise from the mudsills of cabin and poorest rags to the highest position within the gift of the people.

5. But the strength of our republic is not alone in our superb common school system and our higher institutions of learning; not alone in our principles of government, admittedly the highest and best; not alone in a high order of statesmanship; but the wealth of our good land and the strength of our republic are inherent in our religious principles and blessings, our Bibles, our churches and our Christian homes. Lord Bacon said, "In knowledge without love there is something of malignity." Coleridge said that "in the mere production of the understanding there is death." Strong and cultured nations, under the pressure of moral corruption, have sunk into darkness and oblivion. The worth of our good land is in its Christian civilization, and this, and this alone, is the guarantee of its stability and perpetuity. Abolish the Bible, the churches and our Christian homes, and our "good land" will soon be a mere remembrance.

There are those who would destroy our altars, hush the chiming of our church bells, abolish our sabbaths, exile our pastors and injure Christian homes, but notwithstanding these, the gospel of the Son of God triumphs gloriously. With our millions of Christian people and Christian homes, with our thousands of churches and pastors doing a beneficent work in the name of our Master, we have a right to make the claim that ours is an emphatically a Christian nation and will continue to be such, more and more exercising the heaven of the gospel in behalf of humanity all over the world; evermore will this gospel develop and apply itself according to its own inherent energies.

From the festival height of this day we may and should set forth the inquiry, As a people are we exposed to no perils? As a nation are we threatened with no dangers that might eventuate in national calamity? Can we boast of immunity from evil forces which make for national dissolution and downfall, and that tend to the grave peril of the home of the individual? The history of the Jews brings us an answer. We are justly proud of our good land, but let us not forget that some things are a menace to our liberty and happiness. We have been tolerating some things which are a sharp reflection upon our wisdom and understanding.

1. One of these is the trade in demoralizing literature. This trade has grown to alarming proportions. We respect the doctrine of personal liberty, but even this cherished doctrine has its limitations. "Yellow journalism" and the dime novel type of reading matter should find no place in our homes and in the hands of our children. While the public prints which fall into the hands of our people are filled with tales of illicit love, accounts of murder, seduction and suicide, the seeds of social and moral disintegration are surely being sown. And well may we stop to inquire, What will the harvest be? The publication of the accounts of crime, excepting so far as such publication will act as a deterrent, should be actively discouraged and prohibited by those who love our homes and institutions. Criminologists tell us that the increase of crime is due to the wide and prominent setting forth of criminal deeds, thus planting the seeds of vice and sin. The Christian people of our "good land" have it in their hands to throttle yellow journalism and dime novel publications, and the public conscience should be awake to this foe of the home and the nation. We should recognize with alarm this impending danger and effectually control it, thoroughly stamp it out.

2. Another element of danger to our "good land" is the very prevalent habit of gambling. Persons who fall into this habit rarely ever reform. The immorality of gambling is seen in its creating in a man the expectation of getting something for nothing, or at least for a small outlay of money. No nation can establish its integrity, nor make secure its place in the world's life that permits the evil genius of gambling to gain a national foothold. The tendency of our times is to secure property by gambling processes, and whether these be carried on in Wall street or in the wheat pit, or in carefully-guarded saloon rooms, the immorality is the same, and the bad effect upon public morals is the same. The habit of gambling is never more than a telling young man and woman that the way to get on in the world is by the gain that will come by gambling operations. The deep hold this habit has on public life is seen in the difficulty of controlling it in the large centers. Tammany won in the interest of bad and vicious public morals. In our own metropolis of Portland a compromise has been effected with gamblers. We cannot see how New York nor Portland, but we can, by a decisive and uncompromising attitude against it, throttle it within our sphere of influence and put a ban on the vicious principle that we may get something for nothing. Gambling is a colossal evil and should be put entirely away from us.

3. And what shall we say of that twin gigantic evil, the liquor traffic. This is the greatest evil that curses our nation and the human race. Broken hearts and ruined homes, blasted reputations, fortunes scattered and children disgraced, pauperism and crime are the awful fruits of this iniquitous traffic. For on matters of this nature it is to be sure a viper in its bosom. The traffic, with its train of evils, is a menace to the innocence of maidenhood, to the purity of womanhood and the sanctity of the home, and such a gigantic inhumanity never suffers from any lack of fresh air. The ventilation is perfect, a fact which often surprises foreign architects. The delivery of fresh air into a skyscraper is as big a business as the delivery of water or electricity. It is not left to chance. Cold fresh air is forced into the building by a blowing engine and passes through large ducts and controlling registers to the different rooms. In winter this air is heated by passing through coils of steam pipes.

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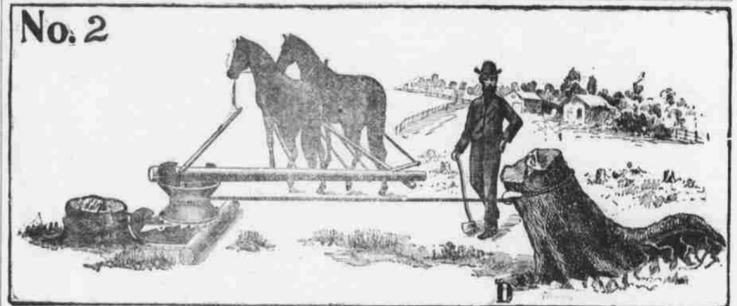
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